Unemployed Persons in Jammu and Kashmir

2555. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduates, skilled and semi-skilled persons unemployed in Jammu and Kashmir as on 31st December, 2004;

(b) the steps being taken to provide employment to them;

(c) whether Government have offered any package to Jammu and Kashmir to remove unemployment there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) Number of graduate (including post graduate) jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Jammu and Kashmir as on 31st Dec. 2002 was around 31.0 thousand.

(b) As per the then Prime Minister's announcement in Jammu and Kashmir on 19-04-2003, a programme for creation of one lakh employment and self employment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir over two years period (15 Aug 2003-14 Aug. 2005) had been undertaken. As per the available information, around 94000 employment opportunities have been provided in Jammu and Kashmir from 15-08-2003 to 28-02-2005.

(c) and (d) The Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 17th & 18th November 2004 announced a Reconstruction plan for Jammu and Kashmir involving an outlay of aproximately Rs. 24000 Crore. the plan, among other things, will also provide a thrust to employment and income generation in various sectors.

Availability of early warning system

†2556. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system available in the world to provide early warning with regard to calamity like Tsunami;

(b) if so, whether India is not a member of the said mechanism;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.